

SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION NOTES by Tiki

Saturday sees the meeting of the top and bottom teams on the premiership table, when Merewether is at home to Weston and although this should be the easiest of wins to Weston, Merewether is prepared to wager they will score goals against Weston, but I do not know what their secret weapon will be.

Sunday will see three of the four matches listed very interesting games. The first being Jesmond v. Kearsley and with only two points separating the two teams, there will be no "beg pardons" in this match and the run of the ball on the day will determine the ultimate winner, if any. As there is nothing between the two teams, both having scored the same number of goals, whilst Kearsley has conceded two more than Jesmond.

Young Wallsend will meet Slavia United and although three points separate the two teams, there will be very little in the result of

the game, as Slavia United realise they must play football now and will really test the Young Wallsend team who are still a rough possibility for a semi-final berth and two points from this match will be vital to them. They should have a win but only by a small margin.

Dudley-Redhead is at home to Pan Hellenic and although the visitors are six points ahead of Dudley-Redhead, the latter team is improving, but could be a team to cause a "boil-over". They could be the team to do it although I think the Pan Hellenic forwards will be too strong for the Dudley-Redhead team and this should enable Pan Hellenic to gain the two points and so maintain its second position on the premiership table.

The remaining fixture will be played at Charlestown, when Charlestown will meet Belmont-Swansea and with two points separating the two teams, Belmont-Swan-

sea should have no great difficulties in collecting two points.

What a competition the Third Division is developing into, with only six points separating the top seven teams in the premiership, and although this is happening, I will say of the results achieved, nobody is game enough to hazard a guess which four teams will enter the semi-finals.

On Saturday, Hamilton Azzuri will meet The Entrance and after their draw last weekend, they will be striving to make amends against The Entrance and there should be very little risk of Azzuri not gaining the two points.

Nelson Bay will meet Toronto Diggers on Sunday at Stockton and with one point separating the two teams, one can be assured of seeing a very close match, where the pressure will be really on all day. Nelson Bay have a slightly better goal average than

Toronto Diggers, plus ground advantage. I am forecasting a win to Pan Hellenic.

Teachers' College are at home to Macquarie Wanderers and they (the visitors) should have no difficulty in bringing home the two points.

Barnsley will entertain Bellbird and although Bellbird is six points in front of Barnsley, I feel the game on Sunday will prove very close and interesting, as Barnsley, a few weeks ago, signed up T. Coates and J. Foster and by next week they should have made a big difference to the team and Bellbird could be making a big mistake if they go into this game with overconfidence.

In the remaining fixture, South Wallsend meets Stockton, and unless you take cognizance of Stockton having her ground advantage, South Wallsend should have very little difficulty securing the two points.

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LET'S HAVE NORTH v. SOUTH CUP TOO

Some officials and enthusiasts in Sydney continue to harp on the desirability of North v. South matches, it a resumption of the annual being rightly pointed out that, under the present set-up, Northern players do not get the opportunities they should because of the stranglehold Sydney clubs have on teams which are supposedly representing that State of New South Wales — not just a part of it.

The North would have no objection — and not fears as to the outcome — if its side met the South's elect, provided proper notice is given of the fixture and it was not merely a hurriedly arranged affair.

However, why stop at a resumption of the North-South match? Why not revive the State Cup competition?

Soccer could do with a jolt in the arm and a State Cup with an open draw, in which the top teams from each city participated, would go a long towards providing it.

While it is necessary to ensure the local premiership is not unduly interrupted, a properly organised State Cup tournament could be a worthwhile adjunct to the season's football. The draw would, no doubt, work out sure that a fair number of matches between Northern and Southern teams would be played in each centre.

What an attraction it would be if, say, Lake Macquarie was drawn to play South Coast United at Speer's Point or Newcastle Austral had a home tie against, say, APIA at Wallsend!

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ADAMSTOWN v. LAKE MACQUARIE
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N'CLE AUSTRAL v. CESSNOCK
Referee: A. Brown. Linesmen: F. Myles, W. Turner.

AWABA v. MAITLAND
Ref.: L. Mottershead. L'men.: K. Urwin, H. Hall.

WEST WALLSEND v. MAYFIELD UNITED
Ref.: A. Roberts. Linemen: W. Gardiner, C. Jack.

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Last Week's Results

FIRST DIVISION.—Mayfield United 2, Awaba 3; Lake Macquarie 0, Newcastle Austral 1; Cessnock 0, Cardiff 3; Wallsend 3, West Wallsend 4; Maitland 0, Adamstown 5.

ALLIANCE LEAGUE.—Lake Macquarie 3, Newcastle Austral 1; Cessnock 1, Cardiff 0; Wallsend 2, West Wallsend 2; Maitland 0, Adamstown 12; Mayfield 4, Awaba 2.

SECOND DIVISION.—Merewether 0, Weston 2; Jesmond 3, Kearsley 0; Charlestown 0, Belmont-Swansea 5; Young Wallsend 3, Slavia United 0; Dudley Redhead 2, Pan Hellenic 1. **Reserve Grade:** Jesmond 3, Kearsley 0; Charlestown 0, Belmont-Swansea 2; Young Wallsend 2, Slavia United 1; Dudley Redhead 4, Pan Hellenic 0; Merewether 0, Weston 10.

THIRD DIVISION.—Nelson Bay 2, Toronto Diggers 3; Newcastle Teachers' College 2, Macquarie Wanderers 5; Barnsley 2, Bellbird 2; South Wallsend 5, Stockton 1; Hamilton Azzuri 5, The Entrance 0.

RON GILES -- WALLSEND LEADING GOAL SCORER

Ron Giles, of Wallsend, is top goal-scorer in the Northern Soccer League First Division premiership.

He has hit the back of the net 15 times with shots to be two in front of Bob Burgoyne, of Awaba, and Ken Whitmore, of Wallsend.

Here are the leading scorers:—

- 15—R. Giles (Wallsend).
- 13—K. Whitmore (Wallsend).
- 12—K. Twidle (Newcastle Austral), R. Burgoyne, D. Field (Awaba).
- 10—D. Schio (Cardiff).
- 9—A. Pajkovic (Lake Macquarie).
- 8—A. Simmons (Adamstown), T. Hinchcliffe.

(Lake Macquarie), G. Pinches (Awaba).



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PLAYERS GAMBLING ON GAMES COULD BE RUINOUS TO SOCCER

By **PAUL MACKENZIE**

If it be true, as widely reported in the last few days, that some of Sydney's top Soccer players have given up work since they are making a lucrative living by gambling on matches in which they play, it is time the N.S.W. Federation stepped in and took some action.

I am sure the Northern League would, in similar circumstances, be quick to act — and be firm about it, too.

If this sort of business is not stopped, Soccer will have cases similar to those which rocked English Soccer earlier this year when players were found to have accepted bribes to lose matches — Tony Kay, one of England's most brilliant wing half-backs was banned for life by Everton which had paid big money for his transfer. Kay admitted he had backed Everton to win a match in which he played. It made no difference that he supported his own side

If toleration of the gambling continues, we shall soon be hearing claims that matches in the Sydney competition have been "fixed" — and that is something the game can do without.

The fact that the players do not have regular employment, since they can now do without it, is a further disturbing feature which makes the position worse. — the Everton officials took a dim view of the matter and out went Kay.

It has been stated that players concerned in the gambling on Sydney matches are not members of the same team, so implications are obvious. It also has been said that the clubs know of the gambling but are closing their eyes.

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WHAT OF THE £100,000

Recently there was wide publicity given in Sydney and Melbourne to a statement that £100,000 was to be spent on publicising Soccer in Australia. But no one has said how, when or from where the huge sum is to be gained.

This seems an irresponsible statement and the kind of publicity the game does not need. It is more than irresponsible — it is ridiculous. And a little thought will show just how farcical it is.

Too many hair-brained statements are made by some officials in Sydney — such as that which said the profit from the Everton tour would be more than £75,000. There has been no statement from the Australian Federation as to the profit but it won't be any-

thing like £75,000 — and that's for sure.

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"NO" TO REP. GAMES

Some Sydney clubs are grouping together in an effort to scrap or curtail representative matches. This is because of a reluctance to release players for the fixtures since clubs say they gain no financial return, but still have to pay their players their weekly wage.

Most of the clubs in Sydney are battling to survive and that foreshadows another move to alter the method of distributing gate receipts.

At the present, home clubs keep 90 per cent. of gate receipts and 10 per cent. goes to the N.S.W. Federation. A proposal is that home clubs should receive 60 per cent. and visiting clubs 30 per cent. Chances are that this will be acceptable to all clubs and so there will be a maj-

ority to push the scheme through.

Real Madrid is keen to come to Australia next winter — but wants a guarantee of £5000 a match. Even at such a price there should be a profit, for it is doubtful if any team in the world has greater pulling power at the gate than this one which was recently described as Europe's best club team of all time.

Panathinaikos, the 1963-64 Greek champion, is also eager to come to Australia.

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WESTON NOW ONLY UNBEATEN TEAM IN NORTH'S SOCCER -- 13 IN ROW

Weston is the only one of the 51 teams in the Northern Soccer League divisional premierships to be undefeated this season—Lake Macquarie having shared with it that distinction till last Sunday when it went down 1-nil to Newcastle Austral.

Weston tops the Second Division with 13 successive wins during which the team, so well coached and led by "Wacka" Hamilton, the former Adamstown player, has scored 62 goals and conceded only 11.

Only one of the 51 teams has failed to win at least one match, it being Adams town, which is in last place in the premiership which Weston leads. Merewether's reserve grade team in this competition has won only one of its 13 matches and has scored only five goals in its 13 matches.

Newcastle Austral's win at Speer's Point on Sunday gives it third place on the First Division points score table but only by a fraction of a goal. Austral's goal average is 1.42 and Awaba's average is 1.32.

Wallsend has sunk farther down the table, its defeat on its own ground by West Wallsend last Sunday being costly. It is now three points behind Newcastle Austral and Awaba, the teams which are in third and fourth positions.

If Adamstown can put a further halt to Lake Macquarie's progress when the teams meet this weekend, the position should be very

interesting, since both Newcastle Austral and Awaba should win their matches. If those things happen, four teams would then be covered by two points with four matches to play. But, if Lake Macquarie can defeat Adamstown, as it did in the first round, its chances of winning the pennant will be great.

The fight is as intense on the bottom of the points score table as it is on the top. Cardiff eased its position with its win at Cessnock last Sunday, while West Wallsend also helped its cause a little by its win at Wallsend. However, West Wallsend and Mayfield United are not yet out of the relegation wood, although Cessnock and Maitland, sharing last place with seven points, have most cause to worry.

Cessnock takes ninth place because its goal average is .64 while Maitland languishes in 10th position with an average of .41.

Adamstown has a handy lead in the Alliance League premiership with Wallsend nosing Awaba out of second place because of a

slightly better average. Maitland's team is also in last place in this competition.

Hamilton Azzuri's 5-nil win against The Entrance and Bellbird's loss of a point for a draw with Barnsley in matches last weekend, has left Hamilton Azzuri a point in front of Bellbird in the Third Division competition—another which seems likely to provide an exciting ending.

HOW FIRST ROUND GAMES ENDED

Matches in the fifth series of the first round on May 15-16, when teams which will be visitors for this weekend were home teams, resulted—Mayfield United 3, West Wallsend 3; Lake Macquarie 5, Adamstown 1; Wallsend 5, Cardiff 2; Cessnock 2, Newcastle Austral 2; Maitland 0, Awaba 4.

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ALLIANCE LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
ADAMSTOWN	13	9	3	1	52	11	21
WALLSEND	13	8	3	2	43	17	19
AWABA	13	8	3	2	32	13	19
LAKE MACQ.	13	8	1	4	36	23	17
CARDIFF	13	6	3	4	27	19	15
CESSNOCK	13	6	2	5	17	19	14
WEST WALLSEND	13	3	3	7	24	29	9
MAYFIELD	13	3	2	8	21	38	8
AUSTRAL	13	2	1	10	13	37	5
MAITLAND	13	1	1	11	14	73	3
TOTALS	130	54	22	54	279	279	130

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
HAM. AZZURI	14	11	2	1	39	12	24
BELLBIRD	14	11	1	2	61	21	23
STH. WALLSEND	14	10	1	3	41	25	21
TORONTO DIG.	14	9	1	4	34	21	19
MACQ. WANDERERS	14	8	3	3	64	22	19
NELSON BAY	14	8	2	4	52	25	18
BARNSELY	14	8	1	5	51	34	17
N'CLE. TECH.	14	5	2	7	21	46	12
THE ENTRANCE	14	3	1	10	23	71	7
STOCKTON	14	3	0	11	22	76	6
TEACHERS' COLL.	14	1	0	13	21	75	2
TOTALS	154	78	14	63	429	428	168

NORTHERN LEAGUE POINTS TABLE

	HOME MATCHES							AWAY MATCHES							TOTALS						
	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.		W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.		P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
LAKE MACQUARIE	5	1	1	15	6	11		4	2	0	12	8	10		13	9	3	1	27	14	21
ADAMSTOWN	6	0	0	22	11	12		2	2	3	16	18	6		13	8	2	3	38	29	18
AUSTRAL	5	0	1	25	13	10		3	1	3	12	13	7		13	8	1	4	37	26	17
AWABA	4	1	1	20	10	9		4	0	3	21	21	8		13	8	1	4	41	31	17
WALLSEND	6	0	1	30	9	12		0	2	4	11	21	2		13	6	2	5	41	30	14
CARDIFF	3	1	2	13	9	7		2	0	5	15	25	4		13	3	1	7	28	34	11
MAYFIELD	2	3	2	16	17	7		1	0	5	9	16	2		13	3	3	7	25	33	9
WEST WALLSEND	2	0	4	15	20	4		2	1	4	15	18	5		13	4	1	8	30	38	9
CESSNOCK	1	3	3	13	17	5		1	0	5	7	14	2		13	2	3	8	20	31	7
MAITLAND	2	0	5	4	17	4		1	1	4	11	19	3		13	3	1	9	15	36	7
TOTALS	36	9	20	173	129	81		20	9	36	129	173	49		130	56	18	56	302	302	130

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	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
WESTON	13	13	0	0	62	15	26
PAN HELLENIC	13	10	1	2	48	16	21
DUDLEY-RED.	13	8	1	4	39	35	17
BELMONT-SWAN.	13	7	2	4	36	22	16
YOUNG WALL.	13	5	4	4	25	31	14
JESMOND	13	5	3	5	27	25	13
KEARSLEY	13	4	1	8	24	30	9
SLAVIA UTD.	13	3	2	8	16	32	8
CHARLESTOWN	13	1	2	10	15	50	4
MEREWETHER	13	0	2	11	18	54	2
TOTALS	130	56	18	56	310	310	130

SECOND DIVISION—RESERVE GRADE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
BELMONT-SWAN.	13	11	1	1	54	11	23
WESTON	13	10	1	2	55	16	21
CHARLESTOWN	13	7	2	4	33	27	16
YOUNG WALL.	13	7	2	4	28	22	16
DUDLEY-RED.	13	7	1	5	40	23	15
JESMOND	13	5	1	7	28	31	11
SLAVIA UTD.	13	4	2	7	22	36	10
PAN HELLENIC	13	3	2	8	21	34	8
KEARSLEY	13	2	4	7	17	37	8
MEREWETHER	13	1	0	12	5	66	2
TOTALS	130	57	16	57	303	303	130

NORTHERN SOCCER LEAGUE

FIXTURES FOR NEXT WEEKEND

FIRST DIVISION.—Round 15. Saturday: Mayfield v. Cardiff. Sunday: Cessnock v. Wallsend; Maitland v. West Wallsend; Lake Macquarie v. Awaba; Newcastle Austral v. Adamstown.

ALLIANCE LEAGUE.—Round 15, matches as in First Division.

SECOND DIVISION.—Round 15: Jesmond v. Charlestown; Merewether v. Kearsley; Young Wallsend v. Belmont-Swansea; Dudley-Redhead v. Weston; Pan Hellenic v. Slavia United.

SECOND DIVISION, RESERVE GRADE.—Round 15: Fixtures as in top division.

THIRD DIVISION.—Round 16: South Wallsend v. Hamilton Azzuri; Newcastle Tech. College v. Barnsley; Bellbird v. Newcastle Teachers' College; Macquarie Wanderers v. Nelson Bay; Toronto Diggers v. The Entrance; Stockton, a bye.

FIRST DIVISION MATCHES AND TEAMS

SATURDAY, JULY 18

ADAMSTOWN v. LAKE MACQUARIE

White with Red & Green	White with Blue & Gold
1. J. DORMAN	1. K. GABRIEL
2. J. EASTON	2. J. HITCHCOCK
3. J. McINALLY	3. E. McGRATH
4. B. DAYKIN	4. J. WOODS
5. R. PARKES	5. J. WELLHAM
6. J. POWER	6. L. WALSH
7. R. HOWELLS	7. J. BOARDMAN
8. R. BAARTZ	8. W. WRIGHT
9. A. SIMMONS	9. T. PAJKOVIC
10. R. CAMERON	10. G. HINCHCLIFFE
11. D. JOHNS	11. J. DOYLE

Referee: R. Roth. Linesmen: J. Carlin, F. Myles.

SUNDAY, JULY 19

N'CLE. AUSTRAL v. CESSNOCK

Mauve with White	Gold with Black
1. J. LANZONI	1. J. HOGG
2. E. SOKOLOWSKI	2. N. KROSGRIKO
3. R. DEAN	3. K. ROWBOTTOM
4. J. DOOLAN	4. W. THOMPSON
5. R. MCKENZIE	5. T. SNEDDON
6. R. LLOYD	6. A. JOHNS
7. K. TWIDLE	7. T. BARR
8. W. BARON	8. J. LENNARD
9. T. GARRETT	9. C. ALMOND
10. W. HARVEY	10. J. BARR
11. W. PATON	11. J. PEELE

Referee: A. Brown. Linesmen: F. Myles, W. Turner.

AWABA v. MAITLAND

Blue with Gold Stripes	White with Black
1. J. SMITH	1. F. WOOD
2. R. HITCHCOCK	2. J. SNAITH
3. W. FIELD	3. S. ELLENBACHER
4. R. REYNOLDS	4. J. MEIER
5. J. PRETSWELL	5. F. RAUCH
6. L. SHARP	6. M. PARKER
7. G. PINCHES	7. K. FREW
8. D. FIELD	8. H. SCHNEIDER
9. R. BURGOYNE	9. N. SCOTT
10. H. GOODSIR	10. I. THOMSON
11. B. SHARP	11. K. SIMON

Ref.: L. Mottershead. L'men: K. Urwin, H. Hall.

WEST WALLSEND v. MAYFIELD UNITED

Blue with White	Green with White
1. W. ARMSTRONG	1. K. MINTER
2. R. COOPER	2. B. SMITH
3. A. WILSON	3. A. WEST
4. R. HUGHES	4. W. SHEEHAN
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6. K. WOODS	6. A. LAMBKIN
7. S. MULLAWA	7. B. LEWSAM
8. K. IRWIN	8. R. PRICE
9. D. AHRENS	9. K. McGUINESS
10. T. YEATS	10. A. SKELLEY
11. J. SHEEN	11. K. ROSS

Ref.: A. Roberts. Linemen: W. Gardiner, C. Jack.

CARDIFF v. WALLSEND

Tangerine with White	Red with White
1. G. TAYLOR	1. A. HOURIGAN
2. A. HOWE	2. D. MCKENZIE
3. J. McNAIRN	3. K. NOLAN
4. J. O'BRIEN	4. W. DAVIES
5. T. ICETON	5. D. MORROW
6. C. MOORE	6. D. BULLEN
7. M. BLACK	7. B. MORROW
8. A. REID	8. G. GREEN
9. D. SCHIO	9. N. PRINGLE
10. R. NEAL	10. R. GILES
11. J. SNEDDON	11. K. WHITMORE

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The grounds would not be big enough to hold the crowds.

And supposing the draw had Hakoah playing Adamstown and, perhaps, Cumberland United meeting Awaba or Wallsend on Sydney grounds in a knock-out, sudden-death competition.

Let's have a resumption of the annual North-South matches by all means, but first give thought to a return of the always popular State Cup competition.

If the North-South matches are resumed why not insist that players who began their football in one area be available for that area, no matter for which club they now play—something on the lines of the internationals at "home", where Scots players in England must play for Scotland, Welshmen for Wales and so on, no matter for what club, or where, they might play. — P. MacK.

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News from Gunnedah . .

Gunnedah has won their way into the final of the Acropolis Cup after three hard matches with Armidale.

At Gunnedah, the score was 0-0, at Armidale 2-2, but the replay at Tamworth was a 2-0 win for Gunnedah who now meet Moree at Moree and not Gunnedah.

Armidale play Moree in the Browning Cup (Reserve Grade) and Gunnedah meets Narrabri in the Northern League Cup (Under 18) finals.

Trevor (Hereford Bull) Hart has the prettiest red and white play suit you ever did see. He is training hard to achieve his ambitions. Trevor wants to kick a ball hard enough to 1. snap a goalpost, 2. break a crossbar, 3. bust a television antenna, 4. land in the Namoi River from Wolseley Park, 5. score a goal!

Since reading Con's pamphlets, Trevor's mind wanders to other subjects but he can still play some really good games including football, and as captain-coach really has Wolseley Independent's and Gunnedah going well. He also gives his time to assist the Police Boys teams.

Les Burgett still heads the best and fairest list with 21 points, Bill Adams 17, Trevor Hart 10. Show that the above teenage players are the leading players.

Leading teenagers on the list show Henry Rugers and Tony Faulkner on 8, Phillip Morgan 7, Steven Close and Arkie Berghotte, each 6. Another 20 players have points, which shows that a

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CESSNOCK v. CARDIFF
—Judge, Percy Lennard: R. Neal (Cardiff) 3; G. McNairn (Cardiff) 2; D. Schio (Cardiff) 1.

MAITLAND v. ADAMSTOWN — Judge, Alex. Cameron: R. Howells (A) 3; J. Power (A) 2; B. Daykin (A) 1.

LAKE MACQUARIE v. NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL — Judge, Jack O'Eri: R. Lloyd (Austral) 3; R. McKenzie (Austral) 2; J. Wellham (L.M.) 1.

WALLSEND v. WEST WALLSEND — Judge, Gavin Russell: R. Giles (W.) 3; D. Ahrens (W.W.) 2; K. Woods (W.W.) 1.

HOW THEY STAND

Points gained are—
24: J. Wellham (Lake Macquarie).

20: R. Giles (Wallsend), J. Meier (Maitland).

16: K. Twidle (Newcastle Austral).

14: L. Sharp (Awaba), D. Sneddon (Cessnock).

13: R. Lloyd (Newcastle Austral).

10: W. Davies (Wallsend), J. Power (Adamstown).

9: R. McKenzie (Newcastle Austral).

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SOMETHING OF INTEREST

The Australian Soccer Federation, to meet in Sydney this weekend, will consider among other things, the formation of a super-division to take in teams from four States, but with the idea of eventually having teams from all States competing.

It is interesting to note that, among the five teams to come from N.S.W., one is to be known at Newcastle United.

The idea is for the formation of full-time professional players into teams in the selected districts — three teams in Sydney, one in Newcastle, one on the South Coast, three in Victoria and one each in Brisbane and Adelaide. It is suggested that there be a team of 16 players, each with a full-time coach and also a squad of 16 apprentice players. And there would also be a board of directors who would each contribute £1000 to launch the scheme.

It is proposed to continue with the premierships in each district as now, but that the players for the professional teams would come from the sides in the premiership, which would be nurseries for the Super-Division side.

Just how clubs will view this idea is debatable since it would mean they would lose their stars while there would also be the fact that the professional team would play in the district once each fortnight, probably in opposition to the premiership fixtures.

Only enough about the proposal has been aired to whet interest but the scheme seems to be a most imaginative one. Just what will come of it remains to be seen.

The plan apparently has the backing of some of the top brass of the Australian Federation and the super-league may come into being much sooner than we think.

— PAUL MCKENZIE.

SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION NOTES

It would appear the outstanding Second Division match this weekend will be played at Charlestown when Pan Hellenic meets Jesmond.

Pan Hellenic has one of unexpected defeat last weekend whilst Jesmond had a good victory over Kearsley. Pan Hellenic has one of the more difficult draws for the remainder of the competition and a win is needed to keep the semi-final berth open.

Jesmond is a difficult team at present to predict and for that reason I am going for a win to Pan Hellenic.

Slavia United will be hosts to Dudley-Redhead and this is a match wherein we should see some good football with Dudley-Redhead possibly having an edge on their opponents.

Young Wallsend will be travelling to Weston and the result of this match could depend a good deal upon each individual player of the Young Wallsend team, for if each member is in condition, they could make things very interesting for

the Weston team, as during the season they have defeated teams above them on the premiership table only to be beaten by teams more lowly placed. Weston should win, but there could be an upset.

Belmont-Swansea meets Merewether and whilst Belmont-Swansea must be favoured to win as this is not a foregone conclusion as Merewether has improved since the first round, evidenced by the fact that Weston could only defeat them 2-0 last Saturday, so Belmont-Swansea cannot afford to become too complacent over this match.

In the remaining fixture, Kearsley meets Charlestown and despite six successive defeats, suffered by Kearsley, they should have a win on Sunday.

Looking at the Third Division Premiership, one can see an opportunity of staging an interesting competition as a sideline to the football. A competition to select the four semi-finalists and what good fortune would be needed to select

them correctly, as at present seven points separate seven teams with eight rounds remaining to be played.

On Saturday, Toronto Diggers will meet Teachers' College and this should add another two points to the tally of the Toronto Diggers.

Competition leaders, Hamilton Azzuri, will meet Stockton on Sunday and normally should have no difficulty in winning, but Azzuri have shown an aversion to the Stockton Oval, so it will be interesting to see how they handle it on this occasion.

South Wallsend journey to Tighes Hill to meet Newcastle Tech. and should have no difficulty winning this, maintaining their position of third on the premiership table.

Macquarie Wanderers will be home to Barnsley and this should be one of the most attractive fixtures of the weekend, as only two points separate the two teams. Wanderers have by far the better goal average, but the recent acquisition of

Tommy Coates and Jack Foster by the Barnsley team should have considerably improved the team and this was evidenced last Sunday when Barnsley forced a draw with the strong Bellbird team. That form, if repeated is sufficient to fully extend any team and Macquarie Wanderers will need to put their best foot forward for the whole ninety minutes. I will not attempt to forecast the winner, as this would appear to be a match where the run of the ball.

The remaining fixture is The Entrance v. Nelson Bay and for the last four or five games, it appears that the players for some unknown reason have lost that drive and enthusiasm manifested in the early part of the ceiling.

Nelson Bay should win this match.

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Referee: W. Jones. Linesmen: C. Jack, A. Roberts.

JUST HOW WELL IS SYDNEY GAME RUN?

Northern Soccer might have a problem now and then about an unruly player or two or some out-of-line spectators but these worries are pinpricks compared with what administrators in Sydney are facing.

Things have become so mad in the Big Smoke that the N.S.W. Soccer Federation had decided to send a

personal letter to all affiliated players asking them to improve their general behaviour and refrain from fighting on the field.

'BUS TO CESSNOCK

A 'bus will leave Wallsend at 1.15 p.m. on Sunday for Cessnock.

Things have come to a pretty pass when an administration must admit, as in this case, that it has so little control over its players that it must spend money on postage stamps asking them to behave. One cannot imagine the Northern League going cap-in-hand to the players as the State Federation is apparently forced to do.

There can be no criticism of the Northern administration while such steps as this must be taken elsewhere.

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